

U.S.S. SHERIDAN

INFORMATION FOR BEACH PARTY

1. The Beach Party of the U.S.S. SHERIDAN will participate in the initial landing on Red Beach 2 on Saipan Island, and will function thereon. This landing is scheduled for 15 June 1944 (D-Day) at about 0830 (H-Hour).

2. Combat Team 6(CT/6) lands on Beaches Red Two and Red Three. Landing Team Two-Six (LT2/6) lands on Red Two with E company on the right and F company on the left.

3. The Beach Party will be divided into three groups for debarkation. These are The Advance Echelon, The Special Medical Unit and The Rear Echelon. The following is the exact assignment of personnel of these groups and directions for their movements and equipment.

(a) The Advance Echelon

Ens. W.P. WHALEN, D-V(G), USNR	
CLEMENTS, R.M.	RM2c
DUFFY, J.P.	S1c (SM)
LYMAN, C.P.	S1c (SM)
GOURLEY, A.V.	S1c (SM)
SALMON, M.	S1c
STILLWELL, R.H.	S1c
STINCHCOMB, T.P.	S1c
SMITH, J.F.	S1c
WHITTENBERGER, J.D.	RM3c
WILDER, R.A.	S1c

This group will transfer to LST 451 at the staging area (Eniwetok). On arrival at Target Area all of the group except LYMAN and GOURLEY will be boated in LVT's of the Fourth Assault Wave as directed by the Commanding Officer of troops. LYMAN and Gourley will embark in the guide boat of the Fourth Wave (Bos'n HAYNIE's Boat) and lay off the beach at the reef until called in or sent in by the control boat. Upon reaching the beach the group is responsible for:

- (1) Establishing communications with Control Vessel, Control Boat, and Transport Division Beachmaster
- (2) Forwarding any orders for supplies called for by troops.
- (3) Insuring that LVT's leave the beach to get wave troops and cargo.
- (4) Making and reporting a hydrographic survey.

Ens. WHALEN will take one 536 radio, CLEMENTS and WHITTENBERGER will take one SCR 610 radio and spare batteries, DUFFY will take signal flags and a multi-purpose signal light, LYMAN and GOURLEY will take signal flags and one multi-purpose light. The five hydrographic men will take a right and left flank marker and buting formarking mines, duds, and booby traps.

(b) The Special Medical Unit.

Lt.(jg) A.V.N. GOODYER (MC) USNR

<u>GASPERETTE,</u>	PhM3c
<u>ANGALICH,</u>	PhM3c
<u>DUCOTE</u>	HA1c
<u>ZIPPS</u>	PhM3c

This group will leave the ship on the morning of D-Day at Target Area with Lieut. J.E. FLETCHER and proceed to the USS BOLIVAR where it will transfer to LCC 39045 and proceed to a point off Red Beach 2. There the group will load into a LCVP or our Salvage Boat. It will treat casualties in LVT's or boats, transfer them to boats and send to LST's 218, 341 or 450 (218 being preferred). Group will go to beach on call or as directed.

Equipment as designated by Dr. GOODYER.

(c) Rear Echelon

This group consists of the remainder of the Beach Party. It will load into LCVP's on D-Day morning at the Target Area, proceed to the line of departure with the Shore Party and transfer to LVT's and proceed to the Beach on call. The LCVP's will be designated and be pre-loaded the day before. The equipment for this group will consist of the balance of our organizational equipment and will be handled as follows:

HANSEN, RM3c)	Take the TBX radio and necessary
JOSEPH, RM3C)	spares.
COLLINS, RM3c)	

KOBS, SM3c)	Take Signal Search light.
ALVERSON, SM3c)	

<u>RYAN</u>	PhM1c)	
<u>GRABUSKI,</u>	PhM3c)	Medical equipment as directed
<u>CARPENTER,</u>	PhM3c)	by Dr. GOODYER.
<u>HORTON</u>	PhM3c)	

Lieut. DICKSON	SCR	536 Radio
Ens. BORGENSON	SCR	536 Radio
MOUDY, M.L.	BM2c	Portable loud speaker

Team 1)	2 bouys, 2lines - Team leader appoint men
Team 2)	to carry.
Team 4)	
Team 5)	
Team 6)	

Team 3 - 2 lines, 1 bouy, 12 bouy lights

McCONAUGHEY and MOTTER will take motor for signal light.
Turn it over to KOBBS and rejoin teams at area.
SHIPWASH will be responsible for carpenters chest.
SORENSEN will take electrician's kit and extra lights.
WHITE will be responsible for Motor Machinist tool kit.

4. The following personal equipment will be worn or taken: Weapon, ammunition, helmet, field shoes, field uniform properly marked, two canteens, first aid pouch, gas mask, knife, combat pack and rations. Leave the rest of your field equipment in your bag in the brig and tag the bag. Pack your personal gear and turn in to CMAA if you have no locker. If you have locker, lock it and turn in key, locker number and bunk number to CMAA.

5. The various teams will set up and operate under the new plan as released. MOUDY, M.L. BM2c will be in charge of left flank (Teams 1,2,3). Ens. BORGENSON will be in charge of right flank (Teams 4,5,6). Hydrographic and Boat repair functions will be performed by teams. Changes to be made as needed.

The Medical Section will operate under Dr. GOODYER and follow his plan. It must set up sanitary facilities. Carpenters to help.

The communication section will set up and operate as planned - changes will be made as desired - cooperate with JASCO unit.

6. General Information and Directives.

A sketch and known beach information is enclosed.

We may work on the beach on the reef so be prepared for either. Our duties include finding and marking bounds and landing places; using and locating pontoons and barges, keeping LVT's moving, keeping good communications and evacuating and treating casualties. We have furnished two bouys to mark flanks on reef - Look for them.

The Transport Group A Control Vessel is PC(S) 1461. The Red Beach Control Vessel is PC 1079. The Red Beach Two Control Vessel is LCC 39045 - Lieut FLETCHER. Our Salvage boat is our LCP(L) #9 with Ens. FENTON - there are two LVT repair men in it, also. It will fly sugar flag.

All teams will stay together and turn in Muster Reports frequently and casualty reports as necessary. Use only rations issued. No mess kits to be used until ordered. Use your water carefully and use none except from ships until ordered. Bury all food, containers and human waste. Avoid bites of insects if possible. Keep fully clothed at all times - wear leggings if possible.

There will be absolutely no wandering off, shirking duty or souvenir hunting. No naval personnel will move off beach except under orders and then having prescribed route. Avoid duds, mines and booby traps. Don't be a sucker! Mark them and report them.

Blackout during darkness.

Air raid signal - series of 10 second siren blasts over a period of two minutes.

All villages, houses, stores, etc. are out of bounds. Find cover and dig-in. Have a good fox hole. Keep down at night. Fire only if you are sure you are firing on the enemy. Know the pass word. Remember all your boat knowledge. Study the beach and hydrographic situation as quickly and thoroughly as possible. Have confidence and use your own ability and effort.

Have all Navy Personnel who land report to Beachmaster. Traffic control will be as usual but changed to meet the situation. Cargo flags - red, blue, and yellow will be used. If Peter (Prep) is flying from LVT in boat - priority!

The Shore Party Commander, Captain Jones is our commanding officer. If anything happens to him the Beachmaster is in charge.

Be alert - Be careful - Work hard - Keep together

GOOD LUCK!

NOTES:

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During the operation, PhM1c Patrick W. Ryan and S1c Robert A. Wilder were killed in action ashore and later buried at sea from USS Sheridan.

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